

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Group Art Unit
1636

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of)
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MANUEL J. VILLA, et al.)
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Serial No.: 10/651,207)
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Filed: August 29, 2003)
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For: CELLS ENGINEERED TO CONTAIN)
GENES OF INTEREST)

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: K. Katcheves

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 23, 2005, to which a shortened statutory period was set to expire February 15, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time to and including Monday, April 17, 2006, and the fee therefor accompanies this response.

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following remarks.